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As the IDS was properly filed, Applicants respectfully request that the 13 references cited on the PTO-1449 be considered and made of record by the Examiner prior to issuance of the patent and that such consideration be acknowledged by the Examiner's returning an initialed copy of the 1449 form to Applicants.


The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should there be any other issues requiring attention.

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

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- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits; or
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- a. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3) or §1.313(c)(1), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h);
- b. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) or §1.313(c)(3); after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).
- c. ☐ The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is paid as set forth in paragraph 11

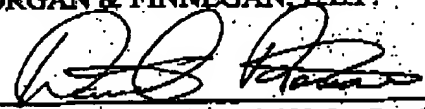
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9. ☐ I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
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Respectfully submitted,
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	BB	Driskill et al., "Interactive Design, Analysis, and Illustration of Assemblies", Proceeding of the 1995 symposium on the interactive 3D graphics, 1995, pages 27-33.					

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